

Alert: California Upgrades Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to CURES 2.0

As of January 8, 2016, California has updated their prescription drug monitoring program, the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) to CURES 2.0. This upgraded database

offers a significantly improved user experience and features a number of added functionalities, including the ability to delegate report queries and new practitioner-identified patient alerts.

A streamlined registration process has also been implemented for new users. Licensed health care prescribers and pharmacists can now request access to the CURES database and validate their credentials entirely online using a secure web browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 or higher, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari). Users attempting to access the new CURES 2.0 database with noncompliant web browsers will be redirected to the previous CURES system.

As a reminder, all health care practitioners authorized to prescribe or dispense Schedule II – IV controlled substances must be registered to use CURES by July 1, 2016.

For more information or to register using the automated system, visit the <u>CURES</u> website. Registrants will need their state license information and prescribers must provide United States Drug Enforcement Administration license information to register.